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**From:** Beach, John  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 16, 2014 3:04 PM  
**To:** Armann, Steve  
**Subject:** RE: Other PCB approvals and availability of Data

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Second, I share your frustration about not having “the data” immediately. The problem is that we don’t consider it data until it has been validated and is accompanied by a report that provides a lot of other information, e.g., the medium for each sample, units, dates of samples, window/door/HVAC status, etc., and all of it carefully reviewed by Environ managers for correctness before it is released. It would be nice to know more quickly, but without that process, “the data” aren’t “the data” – they are just numbers on a piece of paper. For those reasons, we have not asked for “the data” until it is a report and I expect that we will get it around the same time that it is posted on the web site. We have assured ourselves that we do not need data more quickly in order to protect the students and faculty. I will let you know when we do receive the report and will share it with you if you don’t already have it.

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**From:** Armann, Steve  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 16, 2014 2:33 PM  
**To:** Beach, John  
**Subject:** Other PCB approvals and availability of Data

Jennifer, In this email I’m following up on two recent requests. First, you requested copies of all PCB school approvals and, second, you requested to know when raw data would be available.

First, I have looked into the availability of other EPA agreements, which are primarily with EPA Region 1. I thought there would only be a few and that they might already be compiled in an easily accessible place. It turns out that Region 1 estimates that they have over 50 PCB approvals at schools and it will take some effort to pull them all together. For this reason, you will need to follow the FOIA procedures. I apologize for the inconvenience and any misunderstanding. I have already shared with you copies of approvals we have in our records.

Second, Environ’s report to the District on July 11 and posted on the District’s web site includes a bullet point where they say that a report with validated data will be available the week of July 21<sup>st</sup>. I expect that we will get the report around the same time that it is posted on the web site. At this time, we are not requesting the District submit to us raw data or un-validated data, as they did in November and January, because the situation does not warrant any immediate decisions and the laboratory data without accompanying information, such as sample location, leads to misrepresentation and confusion. Which is the case with the earlier data submitted to us in November and December. We spent considerable time going back and forth with Mark Katchen discussing the details of the sampling because there was not an accompanying report.

The District is undertaking cleaning and testing consistent with actions that were taken during the Winter break. We have asked the District to contact us if any air data is above our public health guidelines. The laboratory data reports we received from sampling in November and January continue to raise questions because they are not summarized in any report adding context, including specific location of the sample. We feel that it is better to have the data compiled in a report formate before spending time revieing the

In addition, we found that the unvalidated/raw data from the earlier sampling efforts in November and January were confusing. We do not typically get unvalidated data from

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